

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, Claims 21, 22, 29-33, 41, 47-50 and 57 were rejected. See paragraph 6 in the "Office Action Summary." All these claims, except Claim 30, are canceled herewith. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the canceled claims in a future continuation application.

Claim 30 was indicated as being allowed (see paragraph 5 in the "Office Action Summary" and also middle of page 6 of the Office Action). Claim 30 was also indicated as being rejected (see last paragraph on page 3 of the Office Action). This claim 30 has not been changed because it is allowable at least due to its dependence on Claim 20 which is already allowed. Moreover, Claims 42-44 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. See the middle of page 6 of the Office Action. Accordingly, Claims 42-44 have been rewritten. In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that there are no more outstanding issues.

As previously noted, this application has already undergone an extended prosecution. Hence, although the current Office Action contains certain defects and inaccuracies, Applicant reserves the right to respond to such issues in a future continuation application, so that this application can proceed to issuance. As an example of such issues, Applicant notes that the Examiner took "official notice" at the bottom of page 3 of the Office Action and appears to have no cited support whatsoever.

Applicant now respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims, each of which was indicated as being either allowed or allowable. To resolve any outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 982-8200, ext. 3.

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